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Were it my business to understand *physick*, would not the safer way be to consult nature herself in the history of diseases and their cures, than espouse the principles of the dogmatists, methodists or chymists. *Locke.*

2. Medicines; remedies. In itself we desire health, *physick* only for health's sake. *Hooker, b. v. f. 48.*

Use *physick* or ever thou be sick. *Beech, xviii. 19.*  
Prayer is the best *physick* for many melancholy diseases. *Peacham.*

He 'scapes the best, who nature to repair  
Draws *physick* from the fields in draughts of vital air. *Dryd.*

3. [In common phrase.] A purge. The people use *physick* to purge themselves of humours. *Abbott's Description of the World.*

TO *PHY-SICK*. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To purge; to treat with *physick*; to cure. *Shakep.*  
The labour we delight in, *physicks* pain. *Shakep.*  
It is a gallant child; one that indeed *physicks* the subject, makes old hearts fresh. *Shakep. Winter's Tale.*  
Give him allowance as the worthier man;  
For that will *physick* the great myrmidon  
Who broils in loud applause. *Shakep.*  
In virtue and in health we love to be instructed, as well as *physicked* with pleasure. *L'Estrange.*

PHYSICOTHEOLOGY. *n. f.* [from *physica* and *theology*.] Divinity enforced or illustrated by natural philosophy.

PHYSIOGNOMER. *n. f.* [from *physiognomy*.] *Fr.* [from *physiognomy*.] One who judges of the temper or future fortune by the features of the face.

Dionysius, when he should have been put to death by the Turk, a *physiognomer* withed he might not die, because he would so much dissention among the Christians. *Peacham.*  
Apelles made his pictures so very like, that a *physiognomist* and fortune-teller, foretold by looking on them the time of their deaths, whom those pictures represented. *Dryden.*  
Let the *physiognomist* examine his features. *Arb. and Pope.*

PHYSIOGNOMICK. *adj.* [from *physiognomikos*; from *physiognomy*.] *Fr.* [from *physiognomy*.] Drawn from the contemplation of the face; conversant in contemplation of the face.

PHYSIOGNOMY. *n. f.* [from *physiognomy*; from *physiognomikos*; from *physiognomy*, *Fr.*]

1. The act of discovering the temper, and foreknowing the fortune by the features of the face.  
In all *physiognomy*, the lineaments of the body will discover those natural inclinations of the mind which dissimulation will conceal, or discipline will suppress. *Bacon's Nat. Hist.*

2. The face; the cast of the look.  
The astrologer, who spells the stars,  
Interprets heaven's *physiognomy*. *Cleaveland.*  
They'll find it th' *physiognomies*  
O' th' planets all men's destinies. *Hudibras.*  
The end of portraits consists in expressing the true temper of those persons which it represents, and to make known their *physiognomy*. *Dryden's Dufresnoy.*  
The distinguishing characters of the face, and the lineaments of the body, grow more plain and visible with time and age; but the peculiar *physiognomy* of the mind is most discernible in children. *Locke.*

PHYSIOLOGICAL. *adj.* [from *physiology*.] Relating to the doctrine of the natural constitution of things.  
Some of them seem rather metaphysical than *physiological* notions. *Boyle.*

PHYSIOLOGIST. *n. f.* [from *physiology*.] One versed in *physiology*; a writer of natural philosophy.

PHYSIOLOGY. *n. f.* [from *φύσις* and *λογία*; from *physiologie*, *Fr.*] The doctrine of the constitution of the works of nature.  
Disputing *physiology* is of no accommodation to your designs. *Glanville's Sect.*  
Philosophers adapted their description of the deity to the vulgar, otherwise the conceptions of mankind could not be accounted for from their *physiology*. *Bentley's Sermons.*

PHYSY. *n. f.* [I suppose the same with *fusee*.] See *FUSEE*.  
Some watches are made with four wheels, some have strings and *physies*, and others none. *Locke.*

PHYTIVOROUS. *adj.* [from *φύτιον* and *voros*, *Lat.*] That eats grails or any vegetable.  
Hairy animals with only two large foreteeth, are all *phytivorous*, and called the hare-kind. *Ray.*

PHYTOGRAPHY. *n. f.* [from *φύτιον* and *γραφία*.] A description of plants.

PHYTOLOGY. *n. f.* [from *φύτιον* and *λογία*.] The doctrine of plants; botanical discourse.

PIACULE. *n. f.* [from *piaculum*, *Lat.*] An enormous crime. A word not used.  
To tear the paps that gave them suck, can there be a greater *piacle* against nature, can there be a more execrable and horrid thing? *Howell's England's Tears.*

PIACULAR. *adj.* [from *piacularis*, from *piaculum*, *Lat.*]

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1. Expiatory; having the power to atone.  
2. Such as requires expiation.

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It was *piaculous* unto the Romans to pare their nails upon the nundines, observed every ninth day. *Brown.*

3. Criminal; atrociously bad. While we think it to be *piaculous* to go beyond the ancients, we must necessarily come short of genuine antiquity and truth. *Glanville's Sect.*

PIA-MATER. *n. f.* [Lat.] A thin and delicate membrane, which lies under the dura mater, and covers immediately the substance of the brain.

PIANET. *n. f.* 1. A bird; the lesser wood-pecker. *Bailey.*  
2. The magpie. This name is retained in Scotland.

PIA'STER. *n. f.* [from *piaster*, *Italian.*] An Italian coin, about five shillings sterling in value. *Di.*

PIAZZA. *n. f.* [Italian.] A walk under a roof supported by pillars.  
He stood under the *piazza*. *Arb. and Pope's Scriblers.*

PICA. *n. f.* Among printers, a particular size of their types or letters. This dictionary is in small *pica*.

PICARON. *n. f.* [from *picare*, *Italian.*] A robber; a plunderer.  
Corfica and Majorca in all wars have been the nests of *picarons*. *Temple's Miscellanies.*

PIC-CAGE. *n. f.* [from *piccagium*, low *Lat.*] Money paid at fairs for breaking ground for booths. *Anf.*

TO *PICK*. *v. a.* [from *picken*, *Dutch.*]

1. To cull; to chuse; to select; to glean; to gather here and there.  
This fellow *picks* up wit as pigeons peas. *Shakep.*  
He hath *pick'd* out an act,  
Under whose heavy sense your brother's life  
Falls into forfeit. *Shakep. Measure for Measure.*  
Trust me, sweet,  
Out of this silence yet I *pick'd* a welcome;  
And in the modesty of fearful duty  
I read as much, as from the rattling tongue  
Of faucy and audacious eloquence. *Shakep.*  
Contempt putteth an edge upon anger more than the hurt itself; and when men are ingenious in *picking* out circumstances of contempt, they do kindle their anger much. *Bacon.*  
The want of many things fed him with hope, that he should out of these his enemies distresses *pick* some fit occasion of advantage. *Knolles's History of the Turks.*  
They must *pick* me out with shackles tir'd, *Milton.*  
To make them *pick* and chuse her out,  
What made these *pick* and chuse her out, *Hudibras.*  
T' employ their forerices about?  
How many examples have we seen of men that have been *picked* up and relieved out of starving necessities, afterwards conspire against their patrons. *L'Estrange.*  
If he would compound for half, it should go hard but he'd make a shift to *pick* it up. *L'Estrange.*  
A painter would not be much commended, who should *pick* out this cavern from the whole *Aeneids*; he had better leave them in their obscurity.  
Imitate the bees, who *pick* from every flower that which they find most proper to make honey. *Dryden.*  
He that is nourished by the acorns he *picked* up under an oak in the wood, has certainly appropriated them to himself. *Locke.*  
He asked his friends about him, where they had *picked* up such a blockhead. *Addison's Spectator, N° 167.*  
The will may *pick* and chuse among these objects, but it cannot create any to work on. *Cheyne's Philosophical Principles.*  
Deep through a miry lane she *pick'd* her way, *Gay.*  
Above her ankle rose the chalky clay.  
Thus much he may be able to *pick* out, and willing to transfer into his new history; but the rest of your character will probably be dropped, on account of the antiquated stile they are delivered in. *Swift.*  
Heav'n, when it strives to polish all it can  
Its last, best work, but forms a softer man,  
*Picks* from each sex, to make the fav'rite blest, *Pope.*

2. To take up; to gather; to find industriously.  
You owe me money, Sir John, and now you *pick* a quarrel to beguile me of it. *Shakep. Henry IV.*  
It was believed, that Perkin's escape was not without the king's privity, who had him all the time of his flight in a line; and that the king did this, to *pick* a quarrel to put him to death. *Bacon's Henry VII.*  
They are as peevish company to themselves as to their neighbours; for there's not one circumstance in nature, but they shall find matters to *pick* a quarrel at. *L'Estrange.*  
*Pick* the very refuse of those harvest fields.  
3. To separate from any thing useless or noxious, by gleaning out either part; to clean by *picking* away filth.  
For private friends: his answer was,  
He could not stay to *pick* them in a pile  
Of musty chaff. *Shakep. Coriolanus.*  
It hath been noted by the ancients, that it is dangerous to *pick* one's ears whilst he yawneeth; for that in yawning, the minor parchment of the ear is extended by the drawing of the breath. *Bacon's Natural History.*

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He *picks* and culls his thoughts for conversation, by sup-  
pressing some, and communicating others. *Addison.*  
You are not to wash your hands, till you have *picked*  
your fallad. *Swift.*

4. To clean, by gathering off gradually any thing adhering.  
Hope is a pleasant premeditation of enjoyment; as when a dog expects, till his master has done *picking* a bone. *Mort.*

5. [Piquer, *Fr.*] To pierce; to strike with a sharp instrument.  
*Pick* an apple with a pin full of holes not deep, and smear it with spirits, to see if the virtual heat of the strong waters will not mature it. *Bacon.*  
In the face, a small wart or fiery pustule, being healed by scratching or *picking* with nails, will terminate corrosive. *Wise's Surgery.*

6. To strike with bill or beak; to peck.  
The eyethat mocketh at his father, the ravens of the valley shall *pick* out. *Proverbs xxx. 17.*

7. [Picare, *Italian.*] To rob.  
The other night I fell asleep here, and had my pocket *picked*; this house is turn'd bawdy-house, they *pick* pockets. *Shakep.*  
They have a design upon your pocket, and the word conscience is used only as an instrument to *pick* it. *South.*

8. To open a lock by a pointed instrument.  
Did you ever find  
That any art could *pick* the lock, or power  
Could force it open. *Denham.*

9. To *PICK* a hole in one's coat. A proverbial expression for one finding fault with another.

TO *PICK*. *v. n.*

1. To eat slowly and by small morsels.  
Why stand'st thou *picking*? is thy palate fore,  
That bete and radishes will make thee roar. *Dryden.*  
2. To do any thing nicely and leisurely.  
He was too warm on *picking* work to dwell,  
But faggoted his notions as they fell,  
And if they rhym'd and rattl'd, all was well. *Dryden.*

PICK. *n. f.* A sharp-pointed iron tool.  
What the miners call chert and whern, the stone-cutters nicomia, is so hard, that the *picks* will not touch it; it will not split but irregularly. *Woodward on Fossils.*

PICK-APACK. *adv.* [from *pack*; by a reduplication very common in our language.] In manner of a pack.  
In a hurry she whips up her darling under her arms, and carries the other a *pickpack* upon her shoulders. *L'Estr.*

PICK-AXE. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *axe*.] An axe not made to cut but pierce; an axe with a sharp point.  
Their tools are a *pickaxe* of iron, seventeen inches long, sharpened at the one end to peck, and flat-headed at the other to drive iron wedges. *Carew's Survey of Cornwall.*  
I'll hide my master from the flies, as deep  
As these poor *pickaxes* can dig. *Shakep. Cymbeline.*  
As when bands  
Of pioneers, with spade and *pickaxe* arm'd,  
Fore-run the royal camp, to trench a field. *Milton.*

PICK-BACK. *adj.* [corrupted perhaps from *pickpack*.] On the back.  
As our modern wits behold,  
Mounted a *pickback* on the old,  
Much farther off. *Hudibras.*

PICKED. *adj.* [from *pick*, *Fr.*] Sharp; smart.  
Let the stake be made *picked* at the top, that the jay may not settle on it. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

TO *PICKER*. *v. a.* [from *piccare*, *Italian.*]

1. To pirate; to pillage; to rob.  
2. To make a flying skirmish. *Ainsworth.*  
No sooner could a hint appear,  
But up he started to *pick*,  
And made the stoutest yield to mercy,  
When he engag'd in controversy. *Hudibras.*

PICKER. *n. f.* [from *pick*.]

1. One who picks or culls.  
The *pickers* pick the hops into the hair-cloth. *Mortimer.*

2. A pickax; an instrument to pick with.  
With an iron *picker* clear all the earth out of the hills. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*

PICKEREL. *n. f.* [from *pique*.] A small pike.

PICKEREL-WEED. *n. f.* [from *pique*.] A water plant, from which pikes are fabled to be generated.  
The luce or pike is the tyrant of the fresh waters; they are bred, some by generation, and some not; as of a weed called *pickerel-weed*, unless Gosner be mistaken. *Walton.*

PICKLE. *n. f.* [from *pickel*, *Dutch.*]

1. Any kind of salt liquor, in which flesh or other substance is preserved.  
Thou shalt be whipt with wire, and stew'd in brine,  
Smarting in lingring *pickle*.  
Some fish are gutted, split and kept in *pickle*; as whitening and mackerel. *Carew's Survey of Cornwall.*  
He instructs his friends that dine with him in the best *pickle* for a walnut. *Addison's Spectator, N° 482.*  
A third sort of antiscorbutics are called astringent; as capers, and most of the common *pickles* prepared with

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vinegar. *Arbutnot on Alimentis.*

2. Thing kept in pickle.  
3. Condition; state. A word of contempt and ridicule. *Shakep.*  
How can't thou in this *pickle*?  
A physician undertakes a woman with sore eyes; his way was to dawb 'em with ointments, and while she was in that *pickle*, carry off a spoon. *L'Estrange.*  
Poor Umbra, left in this abandon'd *pickle*,  
E'en fits him down. *Swift's Miscellanies.*

PICKLE or PIGTLE. *n. f.* A small parcel of land inclosed with a hedge, which in some countries is called a *pingle*. *Phillips.*

TO *PICKLE*. *v. a.* [from the noun.]

1. To preserve in pickle.  
Autumnal cornels next in order serv'd,  
In lees of wine well *pickl'd* and preserv'd. *Dryden.*  
They shall have all, rather than make a war;  
The Straits, the Guiney-trade, the herrings too;  
Nay, to keep friendship, they shall *pickle* you. *Dryden.*

2. To season or imbue highly with any thing bad; as, a *pickled* rogue, or one consummately villainous.

PICKLEHERRING. *n. f.* [from *pickle* and *herring*.] A jack-pudding; a merry-andrew; a zany; a buffoon.  
Another branch of pretenders to this art, without horse or *pickleherring*, lie snug in a garret. *Spectator, N° 572.*  
The *pickleherring* found the way to shake him, for upon his whistling a country jig, this unlucky wag danced to it with such a variety of grimaces, that the countryman could not forbear smiling, and lost the prize. *Addison's Spectator.*

PICKLOCK. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *lock*.]

1. An instrument by which locks are opened without the key.  
We take him to be a thief too, Sir; for we have found upon him, Sir, a strange *picklock*. *Shakep.*  
Scipio, having such a *picklock*, would spend so many years in battering the gates of Carthage. *Brown.*  
It corrupts faith and justice, and is the very *picklock* that opens the way into all cabinets. *L'Estrange.*  
Thou rais'dst thy voice to describe the powerful Betty or the artful *picklock*, or Vulcan sweating at his forge, and stamping the queen's image on viler metals. *Arbutnot.*

2. The person who picks locks.

PICKPOCKET. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *pocket*.] A thief who steals, by putting his hand privately into the pocket or purse.  
I think he is not a *pickpurse* nor a horsetealer. *Shakep.*  
It is reasonable, when Esquire South is losing his money to sharpers and *pickpockets*, I should lay out the fruits of my honest industry in a law suit. *Arbutnot's Hist. of J. Bull.*  
*Pickpockets* and highwaymen observe strict justice among themselves. *Bentley's Sermons.*  
His fellow *pickpurse*, watching for a job,  
Fancies his fingers in the cully's fob. *Swift.*  
A *pickpurse* at the bar or bench. *Swift.*  
If a court or country's made a job,  
Go drench a *pickpocket*, and join the mob. *Pope.*

PICKTOOTH. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *tooth*.] An instrument by which the teeth are cleaned.  
If a gentleman leaves a *picktooth* case on the table after dinner, look upon it as part of your vails. *Swift.*

PICKTHANK. *n. f.* [from *pick* and *thank*.] An officious fellow, who does what he is not desired; a whispering parasite.  
With pleasing tales his lord's vain ears he fed,  
A flatterer, a *pickthank*, and a lyer. *Fairfax.*  
Many tales devis'd,  
Of the ear of greatness needs must hear,  
By smiling *pickthanks* and base newsmongers. *Shakep.*  
The business of a *pickthank* is the basest of offices. *L'Estrange.*  
If he be great and powerful, spies and *pickthanks* generally provoke him to persecute and tyrannize over the innocent and the just. *South's Sermons.*

PICTE. *n. f.* [from *pietus*, *Lat.*] A painted person.  
Your neighbours would not look on you as men,  
But think the nations all turn'd *piets* again. *Lee.*

PICTORIAL. *adj.* [from *pictor*, *Lat.*] Produced by a painter.  
A word not adopted by other writers, but elegant and useful.  
Sea horses are but grotesco delineations, which fill up empty spaces in maps, as many *pictorial* inventions, not any physical shapes. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*

PICTURE. *n. f.* [from *pictura*, *Latin.*]

1. A resemblance of persons or things in colours.  
Madam, if that your heart be so obdurate,  
Vouchsafe me yet your *picture* for my love,  
The *picture* that is hanging in your chamber. *Shakep.*  
*Pictures* and shapes are but secondary objects, and please or displease but in memory. *Bacon's Natural History.*  
Devouring what he saw so well design'd,  
He with an empty *picture* fed his mind. *Dryden.*  
As soon as he begins to spell, as many *pictures* of animals should be got him as can be found with the printed names to them. *Locke.*

2. The science of painting.